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TAGS: EAIR, WB

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AERO AMERICAN

REFS: A. BONN 14601; B. STATE 207889; C. BERLIN 1502

1. BERLIN PRESS HAS REPORTED AERO AMERICA'S INTENTION TO PURCHASE MODERN AIR'S NAME AND FACILITIES IN ORDER TO GET AROUND CAB TURNDOWN OF ITS APPLICATION TO PROVIDE INTERIM FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TO MODERN. PICTURE OF BOEING 720 AERO AMERICAN INTENDS FLY TO BERLIN FOR OFFICIAL OPENING OF TEGEL SOUTH ON OCTOBER 23, IF ITS TAKEOVER OF MODERN IS APPROVED, APPEARED IN TAGESSPIEGEL SEPTEMBER 22. SENAT UNDERSTANDABLY HAS LIVELY INTEREST IN QUESTION.

2. MISSION UNDERSTANDS PAN AM HAS REPORTED TO ITS NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON OFFICES THAT US MISSION STRONGLY OPPOSES AERO AMERICAN TAKEOVER OF MODERN. WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT TAKEN ANY POSITION, PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY, ALTHOUGH PAN AM REPS HERE INFORMED US EXHAUSTIVELY OF THEIR OWN DOUBTS ABOUT SUITABILITY OF AERO AMERICAN (TO WHICH PAN AM'S DESIRE TO INCREASE ITS OWN CHARTER ROLE IN
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BERLIN OF COURSE CONTRIBUTES). MISSION'S MAIN CONCERN

IS THAT ANY US CARRIER OPERATING IN BERLIN BE
WILLING AND ABLE TO PROVIDE SAFE AND RELIABLE SERVICE
FOR BERLINERS THROUGH CORRIDORS. IF CIVIL AIR ATTACHES
IN BONN AND APPROPRIATE US AUTHORITIES BELIEVE AERO AMERICAN
CAN MEET THIS TEST, WE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH
AERO AMERICA'S ENTRANCE ON BERLIN SCENE. WE FULLY
ENDORSE THEREFORE CAAA BONN'S POSITION (REF A) THAT
INFORMATION SHOULD BE DEVELOPED WITH WHICH TO BASE A US
POSITION IN CAA FORUM ON SOLID FACT. KLEIN

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